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Mr. John White
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Dear Mr. White:

I appreciated the opportunity last Friday to discuss at length with you and your staff alternative solutions to the drum storage and disposal sites problems in Jefferson, Hardin, and Bullitt counties.

It is my general understanding that EPA will continue to support state initiatives relative to the containment and cleanup of each of the sites by providing technical assistance and laboratory analysis where it is most critically needed. I understand that you are in accord with our efforts to obtain, through the administrative hearing procedure, a plan from Donald Distler to secure and ultimately clean up and dispose of all waste material at the Brickyard. We will also pursue our long pending action on the Distler farm site by deposing Mr. Distler and other implicated parties. The Griffin Avenue storage tank and warehouse site is currently being pursued by Jefferson County authorities. We see no further action called for on our part at this time.

We will continue to seek a solution to the A. L. Taylor site as generally described to you. The administrative actions initiated by this department will be pursued to obtain whatever business records and waste service information that may be held by Mrs. Taylor. Testimony under oath as a part of the administrative hearing procedures may be required as follow-up to the voluntary submittal of business records by waste generators linked to Taylor. Independent of this effort, the Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection will initiate a physical inventory of the Taylor site, within the limits of our financial capabilities. It is my understanding that EPA will not assist or advise on this effort. However, once the inventory has been completed and waste groupings determined, EPA will assist with the batch sampling and analysis.

It is my understanding that the groundwater analysis program previously agreed to is well under way and will continue until all



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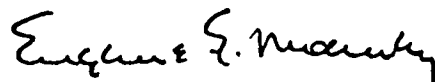
drilling, sampling, and analysis has been completed at each of the sites. Certain core sampling and permeability testing will be added to that project for the A. L. Taylor site. DNREP will make arrangements for the use of appropriate equipment from the Kentucky Department of Transportation. The laboratory analysis being done by EPA from this effort will be given the following priority: (1) samples affecting drinking water, (2) samples from the Distler farm site (Bennie's Last Chance site), (3) A. L. Taylor site, and (4) Brickyard site.

I have named a hazardous materials response task force to carry out work associated with the investigation and ongoing cleanup efforts relating to this and similar problems. The task force is composed of representatives from each of the divisions within this Department, primarily its Bureau of Environmental Protection, and the General Counsel's office. Jack Wilson, Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Environmental Protection, will serve as co-ordinator and he should be your primary contact with the Department. Attached is a listing of the assignees to the subject task force. It is my understanding that Dave Hopkins is to be the primary contact within your office. We would appreciate receiving a similar listing of assigned EPA personnel in this regard, for informational purposes.

We recognize that there is considerable media interest and a need for clear public understanding on all these efforts. In general, Kentucky will provide the lead on all public statements regarding these technical support efforts.

We will need to consult further in the coming weeks, but I believe that we have embarked upon a process which will eventually lead to a satisfactory solution to these problems.

Sincerely,


Eugene F. Mooney
Secretary

Attachment

cc: Bert L. Roark
Jack A. Wilson

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE TASK FORCE

Jack Wilson, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Environmental Protection

Larry Arnett, Secretary's Office, DNREP

Roger Conn, Sanitary Engineering, Bureau of Environmental Protection

Dan Dolan, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management, Bureau of
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Bill Bradford, Water Quality, Bureau of Environmental Protection

Gary Metcalf, Air Pollution, Bureau of Environmental Protection

Hugh Archer, General Counsel's Office, DNREP

Leon Smothers, Division of Water Resources, Bureau of Surface Mining
Reclamation and Enforcement

Bill Burger, Division of Management Services and Operations, DNREP